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I'm pleased to present the next edition of the *Mississippi Agricultural Statistics* bulletin. This information is a vital resource for those charged with making decisions that shape the structure of agriculture.

For the first time, we have published estimates of agricultural sales by county. Many will find these statistics useful.

The Extension Service has joined NASS and MDAC this year in sharing the costs associated with production of this publication. The website of each organization appears on the back cover. Please visit us at your convenience.

Users are reminded that the statistics presented in this book are *estimates*. Most are the result of scientific surveys; nevertheless, the statistics remain *estimates*. At the national level, NASS strives to produce estimates accurate within one to two percent. At the state level, many estimates are accurate to about five percent. However, estimates that are based on a census of a small number of producers may be very accurate indeed.

Thanks are extended to producers and agri-business firms who voluntarily participate in our surveys. Without their cooperation this bulletin would not be possible.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tommy Gregory". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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